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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE EMBASSY SOLICITS FUNDS

1. VIETNAMESE CHARGE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR HILL MARCH 25 AT FORMER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY. AFTER BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, CHARGE INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO SOLICIT FRIENDLY EMBASSIES FOR DONATIONS TO HELP EVACUATE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HE WONDERED IF US EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE.

2. AMBASSADOR HILL SUGGESTED HE RECONSIDER SUCH A REQUEST SINCE ITS MAIN EFFECT MIGHT BE TO DAMAGE IMAGE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. CHARGE SIAD HE WOULD DO SO BUT ADDED THAT SINCE HE KNEW A NUMBER OF EMBASSY OFFICERS, HE HOPED AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT MIND IF HE SOLICITED THEM INDIVIDUALLY ON PERSONAL BASIS. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT ON PERSONAL BASIS OFFICERS WERE OF COURSE FREE TO DO AS THEY WISHED ON THE MATTER, BUT HE EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS AS TO WISDOM OF SUCH A MOVE ON CHARGE'S PART.

3. WE WONDER IF OTHER US EMBASSIES ARE RECEIVING SUCH APPROACHES. HAS FOREIGN MINISTER REALLY GIVEN SUCH INSTRUCTIONS OR IS THIS IDEA ON PART OF CHARGE HERE?

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